



Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinators

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Veterans Justice Outreach

**HELPING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS OBTAIN THE
TREATMENT THEY HAVE EARNED.**

Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinators:

- ♦ Work with the criminal justice system to ensure each justice involved Veteran has access to individualized care
- ♦ Link justice involved Veterans to VA and community services that will prevent homelessness, improve social and clinical outcomes, help with recovery and prevent return to the criminal justice system
- ♦ Provide/coordinate training for law enforcement personnel
- ♦ Provide assessment and case management for justice involved Veterans in local Courts and jails

Current Veterans Treatment Courts:

As of July 2015, Blair, Centre, Indiana and Somerset Counties provide diversion for Veterans with minor offenses.

Cambria County Veterans Treatment Court provides incentive and diversion for non violent offenses of a more serious nature.

As of June 2015 Veterans Western Division Federal Court has begun to serve Veterans with federal charges.

Contact the District Justice or your attorney in the county of arrest for possible inclusion.

**Call the VJOs at the numbers listed for
assistance or more information.**

VJOs can:

- ♦ Provide direct outreach to Veterans in jails in the 14 county area
- ♦ Link Veterans to VA and community resources
- ♦ Act as liaison with law enforcement, Courts and VA's behavioral health and recovery teams
- ♦ Present information and educate community agencies and participate in local criminal justice advisory boards and re-entry projects

VJOs cannot:

- ♦ Provide legal advice
- ♦ Represent Veterans in a Court of Law
- ♦ Have any charge or offense dismissed or reduced
- ♦ Get a veteran accepted into a Veterans Court

**Nationally, over 81,000 Veterans have
received VJO services since 2009**

**To learn more, contact your local
Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinators at the
James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center**

Resources:

**Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255, option 1**

**Veteran's Administration
<http://www.va.gov>**

**Justice for Vets
<http://justiceforvets.org>**

**National Center for State Courts
<http://www.ncsc.org>**

**The Unified Justice System of Pennsylvania Courts
<http://www.pacourts.us>**